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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6632**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1211

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 22, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Fire Protection Territory Public Question.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Cherry

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides for a public question to be voted on concerning whether a fire protection territory (FPT) that meets certain conditions should be dissolved. The bill provides that the public question applies to an FPT: (1) that was established after December 31, 2007; (2) that consists of the territory of a municipality and some or all of the township in which the municipality is located; and (3) in which one or more employees of the municipality are members of the legislative body of a participating unit in the FPT.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) would be required to determine which FPTs meet the requirements of the bill. The DLGF would be able to accomplish this provision within existing resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary-* Any FPT identified as qualifying by the DLGF would be required to pay for the cost of a public referendum with respect to the FPT's disbandment. If held during the 2010 general election, the cost to add a public question to local ballots would be minimal.

Ballot Cost- Optical scan ballots cost approximately \$0.32 per ballot.

FPT Disbandment- If approved by public question, the FPT would disband. Any real property that had been transferred by a unit in the FPT to the FPT would be required to be returned to that unit under current law.

Background- There were 47 FPTs with 2009 certified levies totaling \$17.7 M.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DLGF.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units (townships, municipalities).

**Information Sources:** LOGODABA.

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